

**TODD A. SMITH**

**EDUCATION** Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas, B.S.B. - 1971  
Northwestern University Graduate School of Business, Evanston, Illinois, M.B.A. - 1973  
Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, J.D. - 1976

**PARTNER** Power Rogers & Smith Chicago, Illinois, 1993-present

**APPOINTMENTS** Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, 2000 – 2006  
(Partial Listing) Special Supreme Court Committee on Illinois Evidence 2008 - present  
Office of the Cook County Public Defender Advisory Board 2009 -present

**HONORS** The Best Lawyers in America, 1997-present  
(Partial listing) Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year, 2012 - Medical Malpractice  
Best Lawyers in America, Lawyer of the Year, 2011 – Mass Torts  
Damen Award – Loyola University of Chicago – Founders' Day 2002  
Chicago Lawyer Magazine - Person of the Year - 1998  
The Medal of Excellence Award - Loyola University - 2005  
American Association for Justice - Lifetime Achievement Award - 2009  
Senator Paul Wellstone Award – 2012  
Recently selected to receive the Illinois State Bar Foundation Award of Excellence in  
Oct. 2015

**BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEESHIPS**  
(Partial listing) Roscoe Pound Foundation, 1999-present  
ATLA (AAJ) Endowment, 1999-present, presently Chair  
Trial Lawyers Care, 2001-2006 (pro bono effort for families of 9/11 victims)  
Public Justice Foundation, 2008 -present; Executive Committee, 2012 -present  
Center for Constitutional Litigation, 2012 -present

**MEMBER** Illinois Bar, 1976  
(Partial Listing) U.S. Supreme Court, 1990  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, 1991  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1980  
Washington D.C. Bar, 2012

**FELLOWSHIPS** American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 1996-present  
American Board of Trial Advocates, Fellow, 1999-present  
American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, 1996-present  
International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, 1998-present  
International Society of Barristers, Fellow, 1996-present  
Inner Circle of Advocates, Member, 2005-present

**ASSOCIATIONS** American Association for Justice,  
(Partial listing) Several leadership positions including President, 2004-2005  
Illinois State Bar Association  
Several leadership positions including President, 1997-1998  
ISBA Mutual Insurance Company  
Several leadership positions including Chairman of the Board, 1999-2000

Illinois Trial Lawyers Association

Several leadership positions including President, 2010

Loyola University of Chicago School of Law

Several leadership positions including President, Alumni Association, 1998-99

#### **TEACHING, LECTURING AND AUTHORSHIP**

(Summary listing) 163 Presentations

73 Articles

**REPRESENTATIVE CASES** – Mr. Smith has tried more than 100 cases to verdict and judgment. He has been involved in more than 100 settlements valued in the seven figures, and many valued in the eight figures. These cases have often been complex areas of law, such as product liability, medical malpractice, aviation, financial fraud and consumer protection where his graduate business education (MBA) has been of value. The list below is a short illustration of some of the breadth and depth of his experience.

*Price, et al., v. Philip Morris Inc.*, No. 117689 (Ill. Sup. Ct. 2005) – The class action case arises out of fraudulent marketing of light cigarettes. A 10.1 billion dollar judgment was awarded.

*In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2599, No. 15-02599-MD-Moreno (S.D. Fla.)- This class action arises out of the sale of more than 50 million vehicles with defective airbags over the course of more than 10 years. It has resulted in settlements in excess of 1.0 billion dollars.

*Chultem/Colella, et al., vs. Ticor Title/Chicago Title, et al.*, No. 1-14-0808 & No. 1-14-0820 (Ill App. Ct. 2010) – The class action arises out of title company kickbacks in violation of federal and state law. The case involves complex economic loss claims in excess of 300 million dollars. The case was tried in 2013.

*Sprietsma, et al., v. Mercury Marine, et al.*, 573 U.S. 51 (2002) – The case arose out of serious injury and death caused by lack of propeller guard on a power boat. The United States Supreme Court found that state law was not preempted by federal regulations or lack thereof.

*Russell, et al., v. SNFA*, Supreme Court No. 113909 (Ill. Apr. 18, 2013) - The case arises out of the failure of a SNFA manufactured tail rotor drive shaft bearing in an Augusta S.p.a. helicopter which caused it to crash. The Illinois Supreme Court found jurisdiction to exist over a foreign manufacturer, SNFA, under the stream of commerce theory of personal jurisdiction. It was the first personal jurisdiction case decided by the Illinois Supreme Court in twenty-five years.

*Bielfeldt v. KPMG LLP*, App. 00 MR 44 (Peoria County, Ill.) - The case arose out of negligent tax/financial consulting provided to individual engaged in trading government securities. Complex economic, and tax loss claims, were alleged relating to the distinction in the tax code between traders, investors and brokers. A jury in Peoria County, Illinois awarded damages in the amount of 17.6 million dollars.

*Lebron, et al., vs. Gottlieb Memorial Hosp., et al.*, 237 Ill. 2d 217 (Ill. 2010) -The case arose out of negligent medical care provided to a minor. The case lead to the Illinois Supreme Court invalidating statutory caps on damage awards under the Illinois Constitution.

*Cedillo v. Paramount Pictures*, No. 10 L 011309 (Cook County, Ill.) - The case involved a young woman working as an extra who suffered a brain injury during the filming of *Transformers III* in the Chicago area. Complex reconstruction, including multiple experts in various aspects of engineering were applied to the prosecution to obtain the successful resolution at 18.5 million dollars.